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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The April 17th Council Meeting of School Representatives has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 8th beginning at 6pm in the auditorium at Barnett House.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

On the political front we are immersed in choosing leaders for the next four years. Our two-hour Telephone Town Hall meeting organized by our amazing President, Carol Henderson, resulted in 10,000 teachers taking part in a great discussion on education. As we move forward, let us take every opportunity to engage the candidates in conversations about the best service to children in our province. It is still not too late to have a lawn sign for your home so that visiting candidates know they are at a teacher's house! No matter your affiliation---please vote!!

Holy Week is upon us once again with the promise to Christians that all will be well! The gospel stories that have been read to date bring us all the themes and elements of the human condition. We have come into the new church year celebrating the birth of a little boy who now at thirty-three is about to have his life taken in the most horrific manner, beginning with betrayal and denial of his closest friends and companions. On this holiest of Thursdays, we find him in a peaceful garden in prayer coming to terms with the excruciating suffering of mind, body, and spirit.

Every year we are given the opportunity for true intimacy: that is the opportunity to put ourselves "in the mind" of the Christ child. The only way to do this is in prayer and some sort of solitude for it is in this place we are able to look inside ourselves and do the spiritual cleansing necessary to be full participants in Eucharist. As a group of Catholic teachers we are given the golden opportunity in fully funded Catholic schools to reflect on our vocation in light of the gospels, and, in particular, through the lens of our Easter story. We make this our life's work in community and even though there are times when we are weighed down with matters of health, relationships, finances (the list seems endless) we know that all will be well because of our belief in a risen God who is always with us. All we need to do is to focus on family, friends and acquaintances who are there with supports to us at those times when we need them most. Remember the story of the flood victim who refused help from boats and helicopters because he wanted the unseen God to come down and rescue him. ☺

This is our week, my friends, to celebrate all we hold dear and know that if we are faithful servants, the journey home will be most joyful. Have a wonderful and blessed Easter!

Take good care of each other! ~Sandy

NEWMAN COLLEGE FAITH FUN AND FITNESS RUN/WALK – Saturday, April 28th

If you would like to volunteer and support Newman College during this event, please email Sandra Esposito at espositosandra01@gmail.com 7:15am – 1:30pm for water station attendance and course marshals.

NEW TEACHER MENTORSHIP SESSION

First year teachers! Watch your email for an invitation to an upcoming session on iPads, Smartboards and other exciting technologies! April 24th at 4:30pm- location to be announced.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING IS RESCHEDULED TO MAY 8th.

We are pleased to announce that the April 17th Council Meeting of School Representatives has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 8th to allow speeches from the candidates for the second Local Vice President position. Please mark your calendars with the new date. The meeting will begin at 6pm.

Meetings & Events

Friday, April 6, 2012

Good Friday Holiday

Monday, April 9, 2012

Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Economic Policy Committee
Mtg., 4:30pm, Local office, BH

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Teacher Retirement Reception
Committee Mtg., 4:15pm, Local
office, BH

Thursday, April 12, 2012

ARA meeting, 4:30pm,
Room 215, Barnett House

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Nominations open for Local
Vice President position

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

PD New Teacher Mentorship
Session on iPads, Smartboards,
4:30pm, Location TBA

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

School Opening Mass
Committee Mtg., 4:30pm, Local
office Barnett House

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Newman Faith Fun and Fitness
Run/Walk at Rundle Park

April 29 – May 6, 2012

Education Week
Opening Doors
Unlocking Potential

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Nominations close at 4pm for
Local Vice President position

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Executive Meeting #8, 4:30pm,
Local office, Barnett House

Words of Inspiration

"Actions speak louder
than text messages."

~Anonymous